GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Department – Preventive measures / Advisory on Social Distance measures in view of spread of Corona Virus disease – Additional operational guidelines to prevent the spread and containment of Carona Virus (Covid-19) in the State of Andhra Pradesh – Lockdown till 14th April, 2020 - Orders – Issued.

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PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (GENERAL) DEPARTMENT

G.O. Rt. No.179 Date:27-03-2020

Read the following: -

1.G.O. Rt. No.204, HM&FW (B2) Dept., dt:19.03.2020.
2.G.O. Rt. No.209, MH&FW (B2) Dept., dt:22.03.2020
3.Govt. Memo No.PR/88/Genl./2020-4 of PR&RD (Genl) Dept. dt:23.03.2020.
4.G.O.Rt. No.216, HM&F (B2) Dept., dt:24.03.2020.
5.Office Note received from the Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development, TAdepalli, dt:Nil.

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O R D E R :-

In the G.O. 1st read above, Government in Health Medical and Family Welfare Department have issued additional instructions / measures to prevent the spread and containment of COVID-19 in the State of Andhra Pradesh and requested all the Departments of the Secretariat who are administratively concerned with the above guidelines / measures , shall take further immediate necessary action to issue instructions to the concerned and see that the said instructions are implemented scrupulously.

2. In the G.O. 2nd read above, Government in Health Medical and Family Welfare Department have issued Notification under Epidemic Disease Act, 1897 for Lock down, with immediate effect, till 31st March, 2020 in the State of Andhra Pradesh to prevent the spread and containment of Carona Virus (Covid-19) in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

3. In the G.O. 4th read above, Government in Health Medical and Family Welfare Department have instructed all the District Collectors, Joint Collectors, Police Commissioners, SPs, DM&HOs, Municipal Commissioners, Sub-Collectors, RDOs, MROs, and MPDOs to strictly implement the guidelines as per the Annexure to the order mentioned in Order No.40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dt:24.03.2020, where in the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India have issued orders directing the Ministries / Departments of Government of India and the State / Union Territory Governments and State / Union Territory Authorities to take effective measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the Countryand

the order shall remain in force, in all parts of the country, for a period of 21 days w.e.f. 25.03.2020.

4. Government, after careful consideration, in addition to instructions already issued in the references cited, hereby issue the following additional operational guidelines to be implemented in the state of Andhra Pradesh by all Panchayat Raj & Rural Development Department Institutions at all levels with immediate effect. In case any variations/contradictions are noticed in these instructions, the instructions issued in references 1st, 2nd and 4th cited shall prevail.

I. Village Volunteers

- Presently, in the State, 1.95 lakh clusters are functioning, with one Volunteer for every 50 households. The objective of Volunteers is to provide information to the Government on requirement of basic amenities.
- The Primary mandate to the Volunteers is to make available all Government Welfare, Developments Schemes to the door steps of the Households, of which family health is most important one.
- Volunteers are expected to be a bridge between Government and Citizen / family on creating awareness on all the steps taken.
- Since they have conducted house to house surveys on various parameters in the allotted 50 families including health issues they should be in a position to understand any health issues that may lead to emergency susceptibility and they should inform through Village Secretariats to Health department for taking further follow-up action.
- If any suspected case, advised by the Health Department of self isolation, they should be watched carefully and to coordinate with rural health functionaries till the patient is recovered fully.
- Volunteers in coordination with Village Secretariat staff, shall maintain proper sanitation environment in their areas of function.
- To coordinate with NREGS functionaries in preventing possible out break of the disease, as job card holders work in groups. They shall ensure that all NREGS works are taken up only after following due precautions, like social distancing, etc.
- Shall inform to higher authorities on any information regarding **COVID-2019** virus to prevent spreading and in containing it.
- Shall capture the activities taken up in creating awareness about present emergent situation and upload them in relevant website/platform.

II. Village Secretariat Staff

- As per the Job chart issued in the G.O.MS.No. 149, dt: 30.09.2019, (Point 14) *"He / She shall assist authorities during the floods, cyclone, accidents etc., and take up preventive, relief and rehabilitation work with the support of Village Secretariat Functionaries."*
- Gram Panchayat Secretaries are appointed as Special Officers of that Gram Panchayats for **COVID-2019** to motivate and maintain healthy sanitation environment.
- Shall provide leadership and monitor the functioning of Village Volunteers in their clusters in creating awareness about the **COVID-2019**.
- Shall coordinate with the help of Health workers and functionaries of Village Secretariats in isolating the suspected patients / providing treatment to affected patients apart from implementing preventive measures.
- To create awareness through Village Volunteers in Do's and Don'ts communicated by the Government effectively and compulsorily. They are,

I. Social Distancing,

II. Hand washing,
III. No shake hands,
IV. Person hygiene etc. with the help of all the Village level functionaries

- To inform higher authorities on the existing situation without any loss time, as it would be crucial factor in the fight against **COVID-2019**.
- To make constant visits in their area of jurisdiction, as many times as possible for effective monitoring of situation.
- To coordinate with NREGS functionaries in preventing possible out break of the disease, as job card holders work in groups. They shall ensure that all NREGS works are taken up only after following due precautions, like social distancing, etc.

III. EOPRD

- To make constant visits to take stock of situation.
- To make available all the required materials like bleaching powder etc., in sufficient quantities to Village Secretariats so that all the activities planned for preventing / stabilising the emergent situation.
- To coordinate with all Village Secretariats for capturing quality information and getting it to the notice of higher authorities for effective management of the situation.

IV. MPDO / DLPO

- To provide leadership in Mandal in coordination with other line department officials in fight against possible spread of disease and stabilizing the editing situation.
- As it is not advisable to have review meeting because it will lead to assembling of large number of people, it is hereby again reiterated that medium of Teleconference shall be used to monitor the activities happening in the given area.
- To strictly ensure measures like lockdown instructed by Government be strictly implemented.
- Shall be available 24X7 for meeting any situation.
- To constantly report to the CEO ZP and DPO on all prescribed information in time as it would enable the Government to plan in advance on any measures that are required to be taken.

V. CEO ZP / DPO

- Both the officers shall work in perfect coordination in the fight against the **COVID-2019**.
- To work combined, in control room established in the district under the leadership of District Collector.
- To ensure all supplies to maintain sanitary environment in the villages.
- To inform all the activities undertaken in the district to Government in the prescribed proforma and strictly as per schedule.

5. All the above functionaries will function in coordinated manner under overall direction and supervision of the District Collector.

6. The Commissioner, Panchayat Raj and Rural Development, Tadepalli shall take further immediate necessary action to issue instructions to the concerned and see that the said instructions are implemented scrupulously.

7. A copy of this order is available on the Internet and can be accessed atwww.ap.gov.in/goir.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

GOPAL KRISHNA DWIVEDI
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVT

To
The Commissioner,
Panchayat Raj & Rural Development,
Tadepalli, A.P.

Copy to:-

The Special Commissioner, Village and Ward Secretariat Department.
All the District Collectors in the State of Andhra Pradesh.
All the Chief Executive Officers and District Panchayat Officers in the State of Andhra Pradesh.
The O.S.D. to Hon'ble Minister for PR&RD, Mines & Geology.
The P.S. to Chief Secretary to Government.
The P.S. to Principal Secretary to Government, PR&RD Department.
The Health Medical and Family Welfare (B2) Department.
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